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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hiroshi FUJITA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2838

Application No.: 10/776,611

Examiner: R. GRANT

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For: VOLTAGE DETECTING APPARATUS APPLICABLE TO A COMBINATION
BATTERY

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

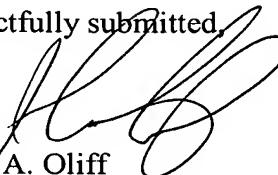
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Sir:

A personal interview was conducted on January 25, 2006 between Applicants' representative and Examiner Robert Grant and Primary Examiner Berhane at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

During the interview, the amendments to the claims as provided in the January 9, 2006 Amendment were reviewed in light of the primary applied reference of Shimamoto (U.S. Patent 6,362,627). Applicants' representative pointed out that Shimamoto fails to teach a "battery controller" as recited in the amended claims. Applicants' representative further asserted that Shimamoto fails to disclose any structure corresponding to the claimed battery controller. It was also pointed out that the second reference is not alleged to disclose or suggest such a feature.

It was agreed that an additional search would be conducted.

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